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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RE: Applicant(s): Daniel G. Schweikert et al.

Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.  
Title: METAL REGION FOR REDUCTION OF CAPACITIVE COUPLING BETWEEN SIGNAL LINES  
Serial No.: 09/452,367 Filed: November 30, 1999  
Examiner: James M. Mitchell Group Art 2827  
Docket No.: P-3790

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003 in the above application:

1. Return Receipt Postcard;
2. Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
3. Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 (8 pages).

Transmittal Letter  
Serial No. 09/452,367

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 No additional claims fees are required.CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	21	- 34	= 0	x \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	- 5	= 0	x \$86.00	\$ 0.00
First filing of Multiple Dependent Claim (Enter \$270)					0.00
			Total of above Calculation		\$0.00
			Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity)		1.0
				Subtotal	\$ 0.00
			Submission of Information Disclosure Statement Fee (enter \$180)		0.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension of time.

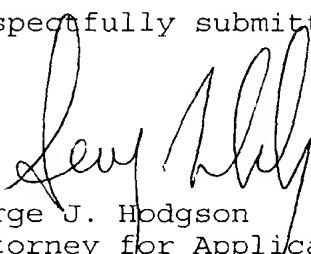
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

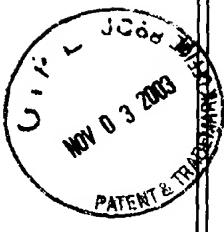
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Attorney for Applicant(s)\_\_\_\_\_  
October 31, 2003  
Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,

  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

1. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and
2. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.